

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3405 - HB 3506

February 14, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits participation in work release programs by an offender who has two or more prior convictions for felonies committed against a person or property or has a prior conviction for a sexual offense or an offense committed with a handgun.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Current law allows offenders sentenced to county workhouses for felony convictions to leave the facility for work, scholastic or medical reasons unless such offender has a previous felony sentence against a person or property.
- Due to lack of relevant data, it cannot reasonably be determined whether the net effect of this bill will be more or less people being eligible to participate in work release programs. The bill is more restrictive in that a person with a prior conviction for a sexual offense or an offense committed with a handgun would not be eligible. It is less restrictive in that persons with one felony conviction for an offense against a person or property that is not a sexual offense would be eligible. These offenders are not eligible under current law. It is assumed that the net impact of these changes on local expenditures will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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